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**on-board** or **on-board** <sup>ⓘ</sup> (ŏn-bôrd', -bôrd', ôn-)

adj.

Carried or used aboard a vehicle or vessel: *onboard radar systems*.

**on-board'** adv.

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
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**a·board**  ([ə-bôrd'](#), [ə-bôrd'](#))

adv.

- ✕ 1. On board a ship, train, aircraft, or other passenger vehicle.
- ✕ 2. At the side; alongside.
- 3. In or into a group, organization, or business: *brought aboard two new designers.*
- 4. *Baseball* On base.

prep.

On board of; on; in.

[Middle English *abord*: *a-*, *on*; see *a-*<sup>2</sup> + *bord*, *ship* (from Old English *bord*).]

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onboard

2. **aboard** - on first or second or third base; "Their second homer with Bob Allison aboard"

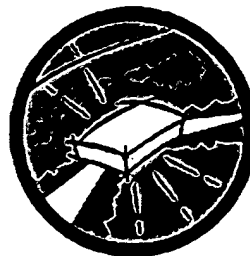
on base

baseball, baseball game, ball - a ball game played with a bat and ball between two teams of 9 players; teams take turns at bat trying to score run; "he played baseball in high school"; "there was a baseball game on every empty lot"; "there was a desire for National League ball in the area"; "play ball!"

3. **aboard** - side by side; "anchored close aboard another ship"

alongside

4. **aboard** - part of a group; "Bill's been aboard for three years now"



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**ON**

abbr.

1. Old Norse
2. Ontario

**on** <sup>4</sup> (ɒn, ɒn)  
prep.

1.
  - a. Used to indicate position above and supported by or in contact with: *The vase is on the table. We rested on our hands and knees.*
  - b. Used to indicate contact with or extent over (a surface) regardless of position: *a picture on the wall; a rash on my back.*
  - ✗ c. Used to indicate location at or along: *the pasture on the south side of the river; a house on the highway.*
  - d. Used to indicate proximity: *a town on the border.*
  - ✗ e. Used to indicate attachment to or suspension from: *beads on a string.*
  - f. Used to indicate figurative or abstract position: *on the young side, but experienced; on her third beer; stopped on chapter two.*
2.
  - a. Used to indicate actual motion toward, against, or onto: *jumped on the table; the march on Washington.*
  - b. Used to indicate figurative or abstract motion toward, against, or onto: *going on six o'clock; came on the answer by accident.*
3.
  - a. Used to indicate occurrence at a given time: *on July third; every hour on the hour.*
  - b. Used to indicate the particular occasion or circumstance: *On entering the room, she saw him.*
4.
  - a. Used to indicate the object affected by actual, perceptible action: *The spotlight fell on the actress. He knocked on the door.*
  - b. Used to indicate the object affected by a figurative action: *Have pity on them.*
  - c. Used to indicate the object of an action directed, tending, or moving against it: *an attack on the fortress.*
  - d. Used to indicate the object of perception or thought: *gazed on the vista; meditated on his actions.*
5. Used to indicate the agent or agency of a specified action: *cut his foot on the broken glass; talked on the telephone.*
6.
  - a. Used to indicate a medicine or other corrective taken or undertaken routinely: *went on a strict diet.*
  - b. Used to indicate a substance that is the cause of an addiction, a habit, or an altered state of consciousness: *high on dope.*
7.
  - a. Used to indicate a source or basis: *"We will reach our judgments not on intentions or on promises but on deeds and on results" Margaret Thatcher.*
  - b. Used to indicate a source of power or energy: *The car runs on methane.*
8.
  - a. Used to indicate the state or process of: *on leave; on fire; on the way.*
  - b. Used to indicate the purpose of: *travel on business.*
  - c. Used to indicate a means of conveyance: *ride on a train.*
  - d. Used to indicate availability by means of: *beer on tap; a physician on call.*

9. Used to indicate belonging to: *a nurse on the hospital staff.*
10. Used to indicate addition or repetition: *heaped error on error.*
11.
  - a. Concerning; about: *a book on astronomy.*
  - b. Concerning and to the disadvantage of: *We have some evidence on him.*
12. *Informal* In one's possession; with: *I haven't a cent on me.*
13. At the expense of; compliments of: *drinks on the house.*

**adv.**

1. In or into a position or condition of being supported by or in contact with something: *Put the coffee on.*
2. In or into a position of being attached to or covering something: *Put your clothes on.*
3. In the direction of something: *He looked on while the ship docked.*
4.
  - a. Toward or at a point lying ahead in space or time; forward: *The play moved on to the next city.*
  - b. At or to a more distant point in time or space: *I'll do it later on.*
5. In a continuous course: *He worked on quietly.*
6.
  - a. In or into performance or operation: *Turn on the radio.*
  - b. In progress or action; in a state of activity: *The show must go on.*
7. In or at the present position or condition: *stay on; hang on.*
8. In a condition of being scheduled for or decided upon: *There is a party on tonight.*

**adj.**

1. Being in operation: *The television is on.*
2.
  - a. Engaged in a given function or activity, such as a vocal or dramatic role: *You're on in five minutes!*
  - b. Under or behaving as if under observation: *A minister is always on.*
3. *Informal* Functioning or performing at a high degree of competence or energy: *The goalie is really on.*
4.
  - a. Planned; intended: *We have nothing much on for this weekend.*
  - b. Happening; taking place: *The parade is on.*
5. *Baseball* Having reached base safely; on base: *Two runners are on.*

**Idioms:**

**be on to** *Slang*

To be aware of or have information about: *You'll never deceive us again; we're on to you.*

**on and off**

Intermittently.

**on and on**

Without stopping; continuously.

[Middle English, from Old English *an*, *on*; see *an-* in Indo-European roots.]

**Usage Note:** To indicate motion toward a position, both *on* and *onto* can be used: *The cat jumped on the table. The cat jumped onto the table.* *Onto* is more specific, however, in indicating that the motion was initiated from an outside point. *He wandered onto the battlefield* means that he began his wandering at some point off the battlefield. *He wandered on the battlefield* may mean that his wandering began on the battlefield. In constructions where *on* is an adverb attached to a verb, it should not be joined with *to* to form the single word *onto*: *move on to* (not *onto*) *new subjects*; *hold on to* (not *onto*) *our gains*. In their uses to indicate spatial relations, *on* and *upon* are often interchangeable: *It was resting on* (or *upon*) *two supports*. *We saw a finch light on* (or *upon*) *a bough*. To indicate a relation between two things, however, instead of between an action and an end point, *upon* cannot always be used: *Hand me the book on* (not *upon*) *the table*. *It was the only town on* (not *upon*) *the main line*. Similarly, *upon* cannot always be used in place of *on* when the relation is not spatial: *He wrote a book on* (not *upon*) *alchemy*. *She will be here on* (not *upon*) *Tuesday*.

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1. **on** - in operation or operational; "left the oven on"; "the switch is in the on position"  
 |**off** - not in operation or operational; "the oven is off"; "the lights are off"
  2. **on** - (of events) planned or scheduled; "the picnic is on, rain or shine"; "we have nothing on for Friday night"  
 |**cancelled, off** - (of events) no longer planned or scheduled; "the wedding is definitely off"
  3. **on** - performing or scheduled for duties; "I'm on from five to midnight"; "Naval personnel on duty in Alaska"; "her on-duty hours were 11 p.m. to 7 a.m."  
 |**on duty, on-duty**  
 |**active** - engaged in full-time work; "active duty"; "though past retirement age he is still active in his profession"

**Adv. 1. on** - with a forward motion; "we drove along admiring the view"; "the horse trotted along at a steady pace"; "the circus traveled on to the next city"; "move along"; "march on"

**along**

**2. on** - indicates continuity or persistence or concentration; "his spirit lives on"; "shall I read on?"

**3. on** - in a state required for something to function or be effective; "turn the lights on"; "get a load on"

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